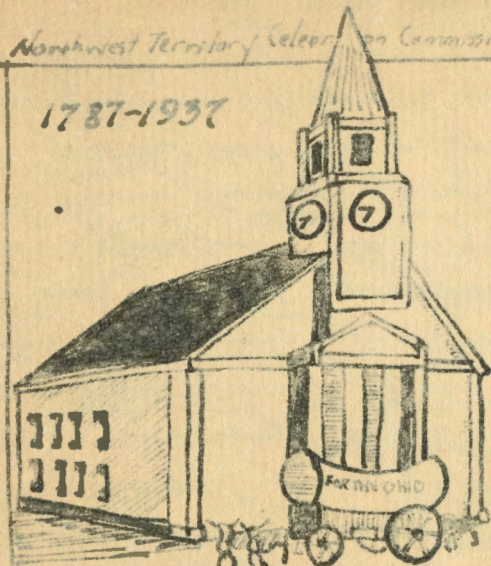


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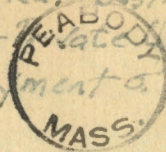
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A great day this. At six this morning up and about getting ready for the start of our westward journey. The Reverend Elmer C. Eddy, pastor of the Reverend Managick Cutler Church of Hamilton, after conducting services at 8:30 A.M. delivered his benediction to us from the steps of this same church from which the Reverend Cutler bid the first party of pioneers Godspeed exactly one hundred and fifty years ago. Every "pioneer's" heart beat heavily with knowledge of the significance of this commemorative celebration in which he plays so important a part.

With the sun shining down upon us we left that wonderful little city of Hamilton, once a part of Springfield, amid the cheering of the thousands gathered there. A national radio network broadcast our departure, and a sound record of our voices was made. During this twelve mile journey to Peabody, our first stop, more than forty thousand people on foot and in cars lined the road to wave and call good wishes. Typical of New England hospitality were the generous offerings of refreshments along the way. Two courageous ladies from Hamilton walked the entire distance with us today. Autographing! Heaven forbid! Our hands and arms became tired, not from carrying our guns, but from signing our names. Stopping at the Danvers school for lunch we were literally mobbed by more than a thousand students. More than one cousin laid remains there as a souvenir. The Peabody Historical Society sponsored the presentation of our pageant to a capacity audience of over fourteen hundred people this evening. And so, we have started "For the Ohio Country."

Peabody, Mass.

David Wallace
per David W. Peterson.